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**ABSTRACT**

Applicators for the application of styptic have since long times been used with good results. Such applicators are comprised of an elongated stem capable of holding on at least one end a styptic solution. Previous applicators suffer from the disadvantages that they are hard to keep sterile, they only deliver a precise dose and they do not carry enough styptic as to allow for absorption of blood present on skin caused by cuts, scraps, skin abrasions or the like, therefore allowing higher risks associated with the transfer of blood borne diseases. In order to improve these disadvantages it is now presented an applicator of the kind with at least one surface portion having styptic provided in a thick, homogeneous, dry, porous layer. The stem portion of the applicator being comprised of a natural or man made material.